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PANAMA FOR RTC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ARMOR FOR NON-VEHICLE USE

REF: PANAMA 0681

1. ANSWERS RE SUPPLY POLICY, TECHNICAL INFO, SOURCES AND COSTS OF BOTH OPAQUE AND TRANSPARENT ARMOR MATERIALS FOR ALL USES OTHER THAN ON VEHICLES, ARE CONTAINED IN A-7405, DATED 12/11/75, SUBJ: GUIDANCE ON ARMORING MATERIALS TO PROTECT FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS AGAINST FIREARMS.

2. THE MATERIALS WHICH WE HAVE SENT TO THE RTC, SPECIFICALLY 3/16" ALUMINUM AND 1/2" LEXAN MR-4000, WERE SPECIFICALLY SELECTED FOR VEHICLES AND ONLY ACHIEVE THE MINIMUM BALLISTIC RESISTANCE, WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE THE 9MM PARABELLUM, WHEN USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OUTER METAL OR GLASS OF THE VEHICLE ITSELF. THEREFORE, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO RECOMMEND AS A GENERAL RULE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THIS VEHICLE ARMOR FOR NON-VEHICLE USE. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO

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THIS GENERAL RESTRICTION IS WHEN A QUALIFIED MEMBER OF RTC

OR RSO STAFF WOULD CONDUCT/OBSERVE TEST USING THIS MATERIAL  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH NON-VEHICLE APPLICATION, TO VERIFY DE-  
FEAT OF 9MM PARABELLUM FROM SUBMACHINE GUN. INGERSOLL

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